



# Maronite College of the Holy Family NEWSLETTER

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**Term 1 - Week 3: Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2020**

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



*Congratulations to our 2019 HSC Honour Students*

The College is pleased to announce that our funding application to the Australian Government's Safer Communities Fund Round 4 was successful. As a result, we have entered into a contract with Allied Security Management to who will be monitoring College security. A security guard and drive by patrols have been engaged as part of this initiative.

### Reminders to all Parents, Staff, Students and Visitors to the College:

- **Entrance Gate security** – To ensure the safety of our students the gates will be open up to 9am after which they will be shut and access only given when you press the buzzer. Gates will then re-open at 3pm. ***Parents should not be hanging around in the playgrounds after 8:50am and should not be in the playground before 3pm to pick up their children.***
- There are too many interruptions to the College life by parents who call or come to pick up students between 2:30-3pm. Unless there is a valid reason, no student will be called down.
- Please observe caution when parking in the Church Carpark. **Please DO NOT block the MAIN ENTRANCE when you enter to drop off your children. Please park in the allocated spots only and ensure that your children exit from the appropriate gate.**

### St Elias Chapel Spiritual Programme

All Staff, Students and Parents are invited to celebrate Mass in the Chapel as follows:

**Every Tuesday 8.00-8.30am**

**Every Thursday 8.00-8.30am**

I would like to remind all Secondary Parents that there will be a very important Parent Information Night on Wednesday, 19 February 2020. It is imperative that at least one parent of each child in Year 7-12 be present at the meeting. The meeting will commence at 6.30pm and will take place in the Secondary College Hall.

**Sr Irene Boughosn**  
**PRINCIPAL**

## HEAD OF PRIMARY MESSAGE

### Thoughts and Prayers

Over the past weeks, both our school and the wider community have shared a time of great sadness. At school, we continue to pray for the Lord's guidance and strength. We ask that the comfort and love of His healing hands embrace Charbel Kassas and all of his family during this time.



### Love of Reading

Encouraging your child to sit down with a book can sometimes be difficult, but there are many fun and engaging ways you can encourage your child to read. Inviting your child to join you in every day reading routines provides authentic reading opportunities. Reading a recipe to follow instructions while you're cooking, looking up information on the internet or reading the instructions for a new game or gadget are just a few. For a reluctant reader, it is always a good idea to look for reading materials that relate to interests that your child enjoys, such as football or craft. Watching television programs and age-appropriate movies that are based on books, can also serve as a catalyst for reading. Being a good role model for your child is also important so that they can develop a love of reading.

### Primary Swimming Lessons

This year all Primary grades will again be participating in the College Swimming Program. Swimming is a component of the NSW Personal Development, Health and Physical Education curriculum and provides essential skills to keep safe and safety skills. Years 4-6 will begin their swimming lessons next week. Lessons will be held each Tuesday until the end of the term.

### Cumberland Zone Swimming Carnival

On Wednesday, a group of MCHF students represented our College at the Cumberland Zone Swimming Carnival. They competed in a range of swimming events against students from Catholic schools in the Parramatta area. Congratulations to all our swimmers, especially Joseph Daniel Assi who came 3<sup>rd</sup> in his Freestyle and Backstroke events and 1<sup>st</sup> in the 50m Breaststroke, as well as April Zdrilic for coming 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 50m Freestyle. Thank you to Ms Kartabani and Ms Nemer for their support on the day.



### Rugby League Skills Program

Over the next two weeks, students from Years 3-6 will be participating in a Rugby League Skills program run by Parramatta Eels. These sessions are introductory clinics to Rugby League and cover basic skills of the game. All activities promote physical activity and fundamental movement skills.



### Parent Volunteer Induction

A reminder that a Parent Volunteer Induction will be held next Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2020 at 2pm in the Primary Hall. This induction must be completed to enable you to assist in various voluntary roles at the College. A note has been sent home providing details of the session. We ask that you return the bottom slip of the note by Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February to confirm your attendance. Parent Volunteer Inductions will also be held at the beginning of Term 2 and Term 3. There will be no induction in Term 4.

### Homework Club

Homework Club occurs each Wednesday after school for students in Years 2-6. It is a supervised session run by volunteer teachers who assist students in completing homework and research tasks. Students are asked to have enough homework to complete in the hour session. A detailed note with an attached permission slip is available from the Primary Office.

### Music Lessons

If you are interested in your child undertaking private music lessons with Mr Wood this term, please contact the Primary Admin Office.

### Applications for Approved Leave – Travel

Any student intending to take leave for a period of 5 days or more during the school term, must complete an application form in order to obtain Principal approval. Forms can be obtained from the main office.

**Mr D. Day**

**Head of Primary**

## HEAD OF SECONDARY MESSAGE



### Rudy Rahme Scholarship

The College congratulates Rita Layoun (2019, Year 12 student) for being awarded the Rudy Rahme Scholarship. This was announced at the Maronite Catholic Society Gala Dinner on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2020 which the Sisters and staff were among the guests. Rita was awarded the scholarship over two other students who entered wonderful works. The prize includes \$2000 and the opportunity to see and work with the artist in his studio in Lebanon. This is really a wonderful opportunity for Rita in, not only to be able to travel, but to see a practicing and successful

Lebanese artist. We thank Ms Nguyen for her work and energy with Rita achieving this HSC work but also for time with the Scholarship. Thank you also goes to Sr Irene, Sr Marlene, Ms Dalla, Ms Abdul Ahad, Ms Pietak, Ms Nguyen and Ms Sarlog for attending the event and supporting Rita.



### **Parent Information Evening: Secondary**

A reminder to parents/guardians that this coming Wednesday evening is the parent information evening for the secondary department. The evening will commence at 6:30pm in the Secondary Hall. This is a compulsory event as stated and signed in the student enrolment contract. If a parent is unable to attend, a sibling or guardian 18 years or above may represent the parents and attend the evening. Students are strongly encouraged to attend the evening with their parents/guardians. The evening will include a pre-event performance from our students, presentations, stalls and light catering hosted by our VET Hospitality students. If you are unable to attend, a signed letter must be submitted to your child's Year Advisor to explain the reason for not being able to attend.

### **Semester 1 Leadership Assembly**

On Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2020, our Semester 1 Student Leadership Assembly will be held to announce our semester 1 leaders. Invitations to parents/guardians have been issued to students receiving a leadership role. The assembly will commence at 2pm in the Secondary Hall. A reminder that students receiving a leadership role must be dressed in full summer uniform for the assembly.

### **Weston Street Gates**

A reminder to parents/guardians that the Weston Street gate is not permitted to be used by students at the end of each day to exit the College. This exit is for staff and emergency evacuation use only.

### **Year 7 Swimming Program**

This week our year 7 students will be completing their mandatory swimming program on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2020 until Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2020. Students will not be in classes on these days and will travel to their swimming venue by bus and will return to the College by 3pm. Students will resume their normal classes on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2020. Please refer to the letter issued to students for more information.

### **Applying for Approved Leave – Travel**

A reminder that commencing this year, applications for approved leave is required if traveling for 5 days or more. This changes from the previous 10 days or more. Please ensure itinerary or e-Tickets are attached with applications forms. The College requires applications to be submitted 4-8 weeks prior to departure in order for the application to be processed.

### **Uniform and Grooming**

I am pleased to state that the majority of students have been adhering to the College's uniform and grooming policy. However, we are reminding some of our year 10-12 boys regarding shaving. If this applies to your child, please ensure your child consistently adheres to our policy and be clean shaven. Year Advisors will be sending students home if they don't comply with our requirements.

### **Lock for Lockers**

Please ensure your child has a lock for their locker. There are many students who have not organised this and are being addressed by their Year Advisors. It is for the safety and protection of their belongings that this lock is organised for their locker. If this applies to your child, please organise this as soon as possible.

### **Contacting Your Child**

A reminder that the College's revised mobile phone/smart watch policy restricts students from using their phone during the day or keeping it on them. Therefore, parents shouldn't be contacting their child on their phone/smart watch. Parents/Guardians are welcome to contact the College and leave a message for their child if it is urgent or important.

**Mr E. Asmar**

**Head of Secondary**

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

- Monday 17<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February – Year 7 Swimming
- Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> February – Years 4-6 Swimming
- Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> February – Parent Volunteer Induction
- Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February – Secondary Parent Information Evening at 6:30pm



- Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February – College Parent Association meeting at 9am. **All parents from Primary and Secondary are welcome to attend.**
- Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February – Ash Monday Liturgy
- Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February – Years 4-6 Swimming (2)
- Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February – College Tour. Please contact Georgette for bookings – 9633 6600 or [Media@mchf.nsw.edu.au](mailto:Media@mchf.nsw.edu.au)

## ★★★ CONGRATULATIONS ★★★

### All Rounder Awards –

### Bronze Awards –

### Silver Awards –

### Principal's Award –

## THIS AND THAT

### Honour Day – 2019 HSC Honour Students





# 2020 COLLEGE TOURS

*Includes morning tea*

**Wednesday 26th February**

**Wednesday 27th May**

**Wednesday 19th August**

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## **College Tour and Orientation for 2021 New Families**

*Includes morning tea*

**Wednesday 11th November**

*Come and take a closer look*

## **PARENT CORNER**

**The College Parent Association will meet on Thursday 20 February at 9:00am.**

**All parents from Primary and Secondary are welcome to attend.**

The following notes can be located here - <https://www.mchf.nsw.edu.au/parentsguardians/> and in SkoolBag.

1. Information for Parents & Carers of Students at Risk of Anaphylaxis or Asthma
2. First Aid Medication request form
3. Request for student to carry his/her own EpiPen®, Anapen® or asthma reliever medication
4. 2020 Photography / Video Permission Form
5. Family Details Update Form
6. Information Collection Notice

***This information is extremely important and must be returned by Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> February 2020.***

Please note; Any information that is not updated by parents will remain in our system as recorded previously, and will be recorded as a 'no return' for 2020.

**A reminder also, that parents/guardians must update their details, if needed, via the parent portal.**

## **BYOD LINK AND CODE**

<https://www.jbeducation.com.au/byod/>

School Code: MCHFBYOD

**Please remember to download the SkoolBag app (free) from your app store and create an account linked to our College.**

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